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Alvin Karpis Called 'Brains' of Chester BranchBankHoldup

Police Believe Public Enemy No. 1 Directed $48,000 Payroll Job; Phone Call Is Traced

G-Men Join Search

Philadelphia Gang Haunts Combed by U. S. Agents Armed With Machine Guns; Auto Recovered

Belief that the $48,000 holdup of a Chester, Pa. bank was engineered by Alvin Karpis, America's "Public Enemy No. 1," was expressed today by James Davenport, chief of Chester police.

Davenport said he based his belief on the fact that he traced a number of telephone calls from Chester to Detroit, Karpis' home town, during the last week.

Karpis Believed "Brains"

"Karpis probably didn't take part in the holdup," the police chief said, "but I firmly believe his mob pulled the job, aided by Philadelphia confederates."

He pointed out that Karpis stole an automobile in this section to escape westward after shooting his way out of an Atlantic City hotel early this year.

As Francis T. Desmond, 1520 Van Buren street, whose car was stolen by the bandits for use in their getaway, went to Yeadon, Pa., today to recover the abandoned machine, Albert Cote, of Cheswold, reported to police that a set of Delaware license plates was stolen from his automobile which was parked near the Ford plant at Chester, where he is employed.

Police have linked this theft to the bank holdup, working on a theory the bandits may have taken them for use on another stolen car.

G-Men Join Search

Federal agents aiding in the search for the bank robbers would not comment on Davenport's theory, but the machine guns they carried evidenced a hunt for killers of the Karpis type.

Those machine guns poked into gang haunts in South Philadelphia in the drive to uncover the bandits.

There were "plenty of clues" that the robbery was the work of a professional holdup band headquartered there, R. George Harvey, Federal chief at Philadelphia, announced as his men joined the search.

Bank clerks were said to have identified rogues gallery photographs of two South Philadelphia gang leaders as likenesses of the men who lined them up against the bank wall while scooping up a newly delivered payroll.

Machine Guns Carried

Seven picked Federal men, triggering guns, joined the crack "safe squad" of Philadelphia police in the search, almost a full day after the five masked men entered the Delaware County National Bank at Third street and Highland avenue, Chester, yesterday.

The timing of the robbery was perfect. The bandits arrived ten minutes after an armored truck delivered a payroll. A policeman, in the vicinity for hours, had just walked away.

While one robber stayed at the wheel of their automobile, and another stood guard at the bank door, the remaining three walked in with their weapons behind their backs. Cowing a constable, a patron and four employes, they stuffed the money into bags and backed out.

After losing an American Legion club steward who chased them, they abandoned their automobile just beyond the southwestern boundary of Philadelphia.

Others Are Sought

There the police believe the bandits were picked up by another car and carried into the city.

Four persons were sought in addition to the quintet that donned dark glasses, thumbless gloves and handkerchief masks to do the actual holdup job.

Two were believed to have been in the second automobile, and a man and woman who engaged Joseph F. Tercha, real estate agent, in conversation in his office near the bank at the time of the robbery, also were linked with the crime.

Desmond Questioned

Desmond recovered his automobile early this morning at Yeadon.

Members of the Desmond family said that the car was not damaged in any way and seemed to be in perfect running order. Desmond was questioned by Federal Bureau of Investigation men and Pennsylvania authorities when he claimed the car, but they gave him his car after

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Thought Theft 'Brains'

Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, was termed "brains" of the $48,000 Chester bank robbery by Chief of Police Davenport, of Chester, today, basing his theory on a Chester-Detroit telephone call.

Son Forgiven By Father After Attack on Him

Judge Lynn Continues Case Until Investigation Has Been Completed

Parental forgiveness was extended in Municipal Court today to 22-year-old Michael Walco, charged with having beaten and kicked his father, Nicholas Walco, of 330 South Clayton street.

Broken in health and having recently come from the Delaware Hospital where he spent five weeks recovering from injuries, the father told Judge Lynn that he was ready to forget what his son had done.

The father on the witness stand through court interpreter Frank Pokolski, told the court that on June 11 he was seated on a couch in his home when his son entered. He said that he suggested to him that he wash his face and hands and prepare himself for dinner. He said his son objected to what he said and struck him several times and when he fell to the floor, kicked him and fractured five of his ribs.

Daughter Testifies

Catherine Walco, Nicholas' daughter, told the court that her

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B. & O. Kills Autoist At Darby Crossing

PHILADELPHIA, July 20 (AP).—A Baltimore and Ohio express train killed an automobile driver at a suburban Darby crossing today and was held up for more than an hour by the wreckage of the car.

The locomotive carried the auto 50 feet, crushing it so badly it took an hour to remove the body of the driver, Harold V. Wallace, 21, jeweler.

The accident happened 15 minutes before a watchman was scheduled to go on duty at the crossing. Nearby residents said the warning bell was ringing, but that the gates were not down.

The train crew was placed under technical arrest on charges of manslaughter, but permitted to complete the run to this city. L. H. Webking was the engineer, P. M. Faith the conductor and H. W. Hope, fireman.

Mats to Be Scoured

The Board of Public Education Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, will open bids for the scouring of gymnasium mats used in the public schools.

Woman Who Forgot Name Is Identified

Amnesia Victim Said To Be Mrs. Harry Wright, Former City Resident; Now in State Hospital

The woman who walked into the police station Thursday night and wanted to know who she was, was said by a friend today to be Mrs. Harry Wright, a former resident of Wilmington and now thought to be a resident of Philadelphia.

This morning, Miss Mary McCormick, of 214 East Sixth street, went to the State Hospital at Farnhurst where the amnesia sufferer is under medical treatment and informed the authorities that the woman had visited her on Wednesday night.

Phila. Police Aid

Miss McCormick said she understood the woman's address in Philadelphia was 608 Wood street but Philadelphia police reported that no one answering the woman's description is missing from that address.

Miss McCormick also said the woman lived at one time in Wilmington and that she is a widow.

Pending further information about the woman, the hospital authorities are caring for her.

Gave Wrong Address

When the woman was first questioned by Dr. M. A. Tarumianz, superintendent of the hospital, she said her name was Mrs. Katie McLane and that she lived at 827 Wood street, Philadelphia, but Philadelphia police sent word that 827 Wood street had been razed some years ago.

Kidnapers Get Wrong Man, Slice Ransom

Demand Is Slashed From $10,000 to $500 After They Discover Mistake

CLEVELAND, July 20 (AP).—Robert C. Byers, 43, a sales counselor of Columbus, told police today that he was kidnaped by three men, who were under the impression he was George Byers, his brother, a Columbus automobile distributor.

When the kidnapers found out their mistake, Byers said, they offered to release him if he would pay them $500 ransom. He agreed to this saying he would pay the money at 1 p. m. eastern standard time today in Columbus. After his release he came to Cleveland and told his story to police.

Byers told Detective Captain Frank W. Story the kidnaping occurred Thursday night about 11:30 in Columbus, as he entered his car at his place of business.

More Speed Ordered

"They ordered me to get into my car, parked behind my brother's establishment, and drive toward the CCC highway," Byers said. "Two of the men had revolvers."

"We drove as far as Westerville and the kidnapers complained I wasn't driving fast enough," Byers said. "I had the speed up to 50 miles an hour at times.

"Get out and let one of us drive," they commanded.

"One of them did drive as far as Mount Vernon, O., when we discovered the car was running low on gasoline.

Took Money For Fuel

"One of the men went through

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Mrs. Fannie T. H. Hay Ill

Mrs. Fannie T. H. Hay, past president of the New Castle County W. C. T. U., of this city, suffered a stroke yesterday while attending a W. C. T. U. meeting at Ocean Grove, N. J., with a Delaware delegation.

Mrs. Hay is reported as improved today.

River Rescue Revealed By Delaware Shipwreck Society

The Delaware Shipwreck Society, with headquarters in Wilmington, to consist only of persons who have been shipwrecked and rescued in the Delaware river or its tributaries, has been organized as a reminder of a shipwreck in the Delaware River above Pea Patch Island on Thursday, July 11.

News of the wreck was suppressed at the time, but since the formation of the society last night, the charter life members this morning were displaying handsomely printed blue membership cards.

The charter members are the board of governors of the Traffic Club of Wilmington. They were making an official tour of inspection of the Port of Wilmington and Wilmington harbor on July 11 when just above Pea Patch Island the boat, a service motor boat attached to the Marine Terminal, struck a submerged log, or rock, and started to sink. As the water rose in the boat the governors of the Traffic Club called for help and were rescued by the crew of the U. S. Dredge "Rattler" which boat was working nearby. The "Rattler" crew also saved the motorboat. Several of the members of the Board of Governors had their shoes, stockings and their trousers soaked but none of them suffered any ill effects.

Charter Members

Floyd T. Ridley is "skipper" of the Delaware Shipwreck Society; Frank R. Webb, "purser," and H. M. Fisher, "navigator." Other members are: F. K. Kendall, W. E. W. Richardson, J. R. Kenney, A. B. French and R. J. McCormick. All are charter life members.

Mr. Curren said this morning that the eligibility rules of the society are strict. Only those who have been shipwrecked in the Delaware River, its tributaries, bay or ocean off Delaware and who have been rescued by a ship, are eligible. They must submit evidence as to the shipwreck, the name of the rescue vessel and other substantiating information.

They Lead Nazis' Drive

Appointed minister without portfolio, Hans Kerrl, long known as a foe of the Jews, has been entrusted by Chancellor Hitler with the enforcement of General Goering's decrees regulating the Protestant and Catholic church activities in Germany. He was expected to act against any clergyman who criticized the Nazi state.

Auguring intensification of the anti-Jewish activities which were climaxed by recent rioting, Wolf von Heldorf (above), one of the most fanatical anti-Seminites in the Nazi hierarchy, was named chief of police of Berlin to succeed Magnus von Levetzow, who arrested several Nazis during the disorders.

City Is Warm Again After Night Relief

Thunder Storms by Sunday Expected to Rout 88 Degree Temperature

Dispelled last night by an electrical storm, the heat and humidity returned today to these parts with a sizzling earnestness that catapulted the mercury to 88 degrees at noon—a rise of 17 degrees in twelve hours.

The only mitigatable features of the heat is that tomorrow is Sunday when people may rest and keep cool and forget the tribulations of the daily routine.

The heat has just about smashed the last vestiges of formality. Even the most dignified gentlemen were seen about the town today in their shirt sleeves and hatless. The sunnyside of the streets was shunned and the shopping throngs sought the shady sides and few, if any, exerted themselves or went about in a hurry.

Children in Parks

Children continued their utopian existence of swimming and resting beneath trees in the parks while the care worn adults looked forward to a day in the country or at the seashore or just plain loafing on the front porch this afternoon and tomorrow.

The weather man promises continued fair and warm weather until local thunder showers tomorrow afternoon are expected to bring relief.

6500 In Swimming Pools

As the mercury ascended to the torrid zone of 95 degrees yester-

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Fast Action on Federal Liquor Control Sought

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP).—The House Ways and Means Committee says that so long as the liquor industry is left open to "highly financed gangs of criminals and racketeers" legal liquor cannot be protected.

Hurling charges that bootleggers and racketeers still enjoy a foothold in the national life, the committee has urged the House to take speedy action on its bill creating a new Federal Alcohol Control Board.

"Under existing Federal law," the report said, "there is no means of keeping the criminal from entering the legalized liquor field."

As reported out, the bill sets up a "Federal Alcohol Control Administration" in the Treasury Department.

Slight Fires in Truck

A truck owned by Galloway Brothers, of 1512 Gilpin avenue, caught fire at 32 Gordon street last night, and was damaged to the amount of $2. The loss on the contents of the truck was estimated at $10.

Firemen were called last night to 700 West Sixth street, to extinguish a fire, but found that the scare was due to smoke from a nearby factory rolling over the roof the building.

Cable News in Brief

By The Associated Press

BERLIN—Nazidom pressed toward its goal of absolute domination of Germany, increasing its restrictions against Catholics, Jews and war veterans.

PARIS — Police reinforcements were pressed into service to prevent a recurrence of yesterday's riotous demonstrations against widespread government economies and pay cuts.

ADDIS ABABA—Emperor Haile Selassie asserted peace is on the verge of being "drowned in the

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French Police Reinforced at Riot Centers

Pressed Into Service As Mobs Continue Violence Against Edict of Laval

PARIS, July 20 (AP).—Heavy police reinforcements were pressed into service today in the Government's effort to smother any recurrence or continuation of workers' riotous demonstrations of protest against Premier Laval's widespread economy pay cuts.

Thousands of war veterans and railroad and government employes who jammed the Place De L'Opera with cries of "Hang Laval" and chants of the Internationale, continued their demonstrations and fighting throughout the night in defiance of the government order which expressly forbade such manifestations.

Despite the order, the police displayed a minimum of activity. The Mobile Guards and the mounted Republican Guards were equally restrained, the government apparently preferring to regard the demonstration as a safety valve outlet for its critics' emotions.

Crash Police Lines

Workers at Brest broke through police lines. They were allowed to parade and sing the Internationale peaceably.

Impending strikes among some groups of the workers were rumored in the capital.

In the crowded meeting called by the National Confederation, which represents three and a half millions of all creeds, considerable division developed over the subject of pension cuts.

Singing of the Communist hymn by Leftists caused many of the veterans to walk out. Those remaining voted for the majority resolution of protest.

The meeting broke up in confusion with shouts of "resign" being hurled at the confederaion's general secretary, former Minister Rivollet, who promised the executive committee would decide Monday upon steps to defend the interests of the veterans.

Doctors Operate To Stop Man Shrinking

MINNEAPOLIS, July 20 (AP).—Modern surgery today sought to aid Hans Nelson, of Minneapolis.

At University Hospital, doctors yesterday performed an operation in hope of halting the shrinking process that has taken 10 and one-half inches from Nelson's height in ten years. Surgeons removed the over-active parathyroid glands that were blamed for Nelson's malady.

There were no predictions that the operation would result in restoration of Nelson's former height, but the hope was expressed that removal of the glands would prevent further reduction in the 52-year-old patient's height.

Truck Kills Woman In N. J.; Del. Driver Held

CAMDEN, N. J., July 20 (AP).—Mrs. Elizabeth Wayne, 57, of Pennsauken, hit by a truck Thursday, died in a hospital today. Oliver Hill, 20, of Laurel, Del., was held as the driver of the truck.

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Safe Is Too Heavy So Robbers Force Watchman to Help

CHICAGO, July 20 (AP).—Two robbers forced a watchman and an employe of the Pure Oil Products Company to help them load a 1400 pound safe containing $7000 onto a truck early today and escaped.

The safe was taken from the second floor general offices of the company. It was carried off in a company truck.

John Epperson, 63, watchman, said the robbers surprised him in the company yards just after he made his 5 o'clock inspection. They then got Eric Marzeki, 45, a laborer, and forced him to accompany them.

Both robbers carried shotguns, one of which was accidentally discharged as they were moving the safe, Epperson told police.

Budge Scores Davis Cup Win; Other Tilt Off

Beats Henkel in Four-Set Battle to Give America Flying Start in Finals

WIMBLEDON, Eng., July 20 (AP). — Donald Budge, California redhead, registered the first triumph for the United States in the inter-zone Davis Cup tennis series with Germany today by overcoming Heiner Henkel, youthful Teuton, in a four-set struggle. The scores were 7-5, 11-9, 6-8, 6-1.

Budge, showing the effects of an over-night touch of illness and obviously feeling the strain of his Davis Cup debut on foreign turf, finished strong as he polished off his German rival in the fourth set. Both were highly erratic during most of the match. Two dozen service breaks were scored.

The 19-year-old American's victory gave the United States a flying start in its bid to qualify for the challenge round against England.

Second Match Postponed

A heavy rain caused postponement of the second match. Wilmer Allison, veteran Texan, and Baron Gottfried Von Cramm, German ace, paired in the second match, will meet Monday.

This will put back the entire series a day, with the doubles sched-

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Guffey Bill Vote Before Strike Date Is Doubted

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP).—Action on the Guffey bill to create a little NRA for the coal industry seemed today almost impossible before the July 31 deadline for a strike in the coal fields.

The Guffey bill has been pigeonholed in the House Ways and Means Committee for the past two weeks. No action on the measure was being taken there—at least until after the President's tax proposals have been whipped into shape for House consideration.

The United Mine Workers of America announced negotiations with the coal operators for a new wage contract would be resumed August 25, six days before the date set for a walk-out unless new agreements are signed.

Already the strike date has been postponed three times and a fourth delay appeared likely.

Man Falls Dead While Walking Along Street

James DiGiacomo, 44 years old, of 519 Scott street, fell dead this morning while walking on Sixth street, between Scott and duPont. At St. Francis Hospital the body was turned over to Deputy Coroner Hearn and removed to the morgue. A post mortem examination will be conducted by Dr. W. N. Penimore as the cause of death is unknown, although believed to be natural.

DiGiacomo was a blacksmith. He is survived by his wife, Rose, and several children.

Weather Outlook for Week

North and Middle Atlantic States: Local thundershowers first part of week then generally fair except for showers about Saturday; temperature above normal Monday and Tuesday. Cooler middle of week and warmer at end.

Old Boston Pilot Boat Will Serve Del. Gold Ship Seekers

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 20 (AP).—The old Boston pilot boat, Liberty, lay at her mooring here today calmly waiting sailing orders to the scene of pirate gold.

Those orders must come from her owners, Charles N. Colstead, Attleboro, Mass., engineer, and Richard T. Wilson, of Providence, who believe they have located the hulk of the British Privateer, De Braak, which sank off the Delaware capes in 1798 with millions of dollars of gold and silver aboard.

Equipment Ordered

Pumps, hoisting gear and other salvage equipment have been ordered for the Liberty and when the hulk, believed to be that of the DeBraak is positively identified, the Liberty will sail to the scene, ready to anchor over the hulk and receive the fortune which has been "on deposit" at the bottom of the sea for 147 years.

The Liberty for 30 years has buffeted the storms of Massachusetts Bay in the pilot service.

The news that the treasure hunters at Lewes, Del., had concluded they had located the ill-fated De Braak, the British treasure ship, was first announced definitely Thursday in the Journal-Every Evening. If the salvagers' conclusions are well founded they may become fabulously rich, because legend says the De Braak carried gold worth about ten million dollars, when it was sunk off the Delaware capes.

Record Wheat Yield

What is said to be a record average yield of wheat to the acre is reported from the farm owned by S. D. Townsend, and occupied by Mrs. L. Scott Townsend, at Rockland, being more than 50 bushels to the acre. In one field of six acres, 207 bushels were threshed. A four-acre field yielded 201 bushels.

Vatican Sends Note To Reich Protesting Anti-Catholic Pact

F. R. Stands By Lawsuits View Despite Upsets

Senate's Compromise On Process Tax Indicates Attitude to Gold Clause

WASHINGTON, July 20 (AP).—Despite a partial setback and threats of more trouble to come, the Roosevelt administration drove ahead today with its attempts to prohibit certain suits against the government.

As suits to recover processing taxes piled up in the courts to the number of 350, the Senate adopted yesterday a compromise amendment permitting legal steps against the United States by processors who bore the tax burden themselves instead of passing it on to consumers.

In the face of this, the President at his semi-weekly press conference declared that every government in the world exercises the right of sovereignty to determine whether it will be sued.

Compromise Changes AAA

He was speaking specifically about the pending bill to ban litigation against the government as a result of dollar devaluation.

The Senate compromise made a major change in the AAA amendments the administration is backing. The original AAA proposal would have barred suits both by processors who could prove they bore the taxes themselves, and by those who passed them on. The altered measure now merely prohibits suits by the latter class.

This was an indication to some observers of what the Senate attitude may be on the gold clause question. The Supreme Court already has indicated that the door to suits in the gold securities cases was closed to those who could not show damages.

There are indications that the

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Loss Is Seen In Process Tax

Senator Hastings Tells Lawmakers of Hardships Suffered by Companies

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20—(Special).—Action of the Senate allowing processors to sue the government for return of money in settlement of processing taxes where it is alleged that the tax was not passed on to the consumers or taken from producers apparently is of great interest to small meat packers in Delaware, where suits are likely, assuming that the House concurs in the Senate amendment.

How AAA processing law has operated in Delaware, so far as packers are concerned, was told the Senate by Senator Daniel O. Hastings, of Delaware, in an argument against the administration proposal that all processors be barred from bringing suit for return of taxes already paid.

He read a letter dated July 2 from the Wilmington Provision Co., in part as follows:

"Our business has been very seriously affected by the hog tax of $2.25 per hunderweight. This tax has cost us a loss during the past year or more and these losses are increasing each month, and if they continue it will mean the closing

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Contagious Cases

Only four cases of communicable disease were reported to the Board of Health this week, two of chicken pox and one each of infantile paralysis and cerebro spinal meningitis.

Step Follows Swift Series of Acts Aimed At, Nazi Domination Over Religious Forces

Papers Suppressed

Baden Governor Accuses Jews of Instigating Outbreak to Obtain Sympathy Through World

BERLIN, July 20 (AP).—German Catholic circles were informed today that the Papal Nuncio, Cesare Orsenigo, had presented a note from the Vatican to the government protesting the decree of Thursday suppressing "Political Catholicism."

The Nuncio's step followed a swift series of decrees and acts, aimed at absolute domination of Germany, by which Nazidom harassed with increasing force, Catholics, Jews and war veterans.

Confessional Outlawed

A Stettin police official outlawed the confessional in Catholic youth groups. Participation by a priest, he ruled, exposed the young people to counsel detrimental to the Nazi State.

Catholic newspapers were confiscated and suppressed.

The Governor of Baden issued a police order against Jews "trying to martyr themselves in the eyes of the world."

Jews Are Accused

He accused the Jews of instigating outbreaks to obtain world sympathy and ordered members of the National Socialist Party to suppress the demonstrations or suffer expulsion.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler added reactionaries, as represented by the Steel Helmets, to race and religion as foes of the Nazi State, with the dissolution of divisions of that organization in Thuringia and parts of Silesia.

In the racial question, Naziism has met with scant opposition. But the church is fighting back, with protests heard in the Catholic strongholds of Bavaria, the Rhineland and Silesia, the Steel Helmets, target of repeated charges of subversive activities, are uneasy.

Supported Hitler

Hitler is indebted largely to the Steel Helmets for his rise to power. In June, 1934, he decided the organization must continue, and he forbade the Storm Troops to spread propaganda against it, similar to the sort that preceded today's action.

No friendship existed, however, between the two formal allies, who had joined forces only to overthrow the republic. A year ago Franz Von Papen, then vice chancellor, took a strong hand in repairing the rift between the two warring factions, which was one of the forerunners of the June purge.

Similarly today the Steel Helmeters were badly perturbed over recurring references to them as "reactionaries." This they interpret as a possible signal for the stirring of an anti-monarchial feeling, as several members of the house of Hohenzollern are also Steel Helmeters.

Tension Is Increased

The suppression of the sectional divisions of the organization, confiscation of members' property in Silesia and Dessau and the arrest of Steel Helmet leaders in Thuringia naturally increased the tension.

Investigations have been ordered by Franz Seldte, leader and founder of the Steel Helmeters and minister of labor in Hitler's cabinet.

This amounts to a protest action, but so far it has failed to clarify the situation.

Seldte expressed considerable annoyance at not having been informed immediately by the authorities of the Secret Police action dissolving the divisions. He learned about it from the newspapers.

Neither the number of Steel Helmeters affected, nor the amount of property confiscated could be learned.

Hitler is Absent

Apprehension is heightened by the absence of Hitler, whose whereabouts are undisclosed. It could not be learned whether he planned to restrain his followers once more or to pursue the radical course which would mean the wiping out of the steel helmets.

Hermann Wilhelm Goering, Minister of Aviation in Hitler's cabinet, is a honorary member of the Steel Helmets.

Further measures meanwhile have been taken against the Catholics in the Reich. In Stettin, the police president, outlawing the confessional for Catholic youth

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